

TREATMENT COURTS COORDINATING COMMISSION

Treatment Court Fact Sheet

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Why Treatment Courts?



Proven cost-effective method of diverting offenders from incarceration in prisons



Lower the recidivism rate of offenders when compared with either incarceration or probation



Allow offenders to remain in the community, to work, pay taxes, support families



Reduce the number of babies born prenatally exposed to drugs/alcohol, saving the state millions of dollars in lifetime costs



Reduce crime and the need for foster care



Help ensure child support payments are made

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT HISTORY

1993 Jackson County



The first treatment court started in 1993 in Jackson County

First Legislation

1998



The first legislation for Missouri treatment court passed in 1998

2010 DWI Court



Legislation was passed in 2010 to establish DWI court dockets which allowed for limited driving privileges to be issued to participants and graduates of a DWI court in Missouri

Veterans Treatment Courts

2013



Legislation was passed in 2013 to establish veterans treatment courts

2018 Treatment Court Standards

2018



Legislation was passed in 2018 to further define all treatment court models and provide for the development of treatment court standards

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS



Juvenile Treatment Courts
Serving 5 counties



DWI Courts
Serving 29 counties



Adult Treatment Courts
Serving 101 counties



Veterans Treatment Courts
Serving 39 counties



Family Treatment Courts
Serving 20 counties

As of September 2019, 45 judicial circuits had the following treatment court programs:

SAVE LIVES



+4,900
current active participants



+21,700
treatment court graduates



935
drug-free babies born to treatment court participants

ADDRESS ISSUES

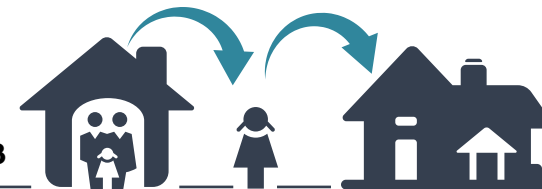


In 2017, 951 Missourians lost their lives to an opioid overdose (includes heroin and prescription opioids). Source: [Department of Health and Senior Services](#)

As of December 31, 2016, there were 32,461 offenders in Missouri state prisons. Of these, 7,422 had drug or DWI convictions. Source: [Missouri DOC Annual Report 2016](#)



April 2018



March 2019

3,451

From April 2018 through March 2019, caretaker drug or alcohol use was cited as a factor for 3,451 children removed to foster care in Missouri. Source: [Fostering Court Improvement](#)